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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Steve Dicke on 05/21/10.

In claim 32, line 1,2, "the second terminal" is now-- a second terminal--;

On lines 2-3, "the first terminal" is now—a first terminal--; on line 3, "the nonreactive" is now —a non-reactive--.

In claim 34, line 2, "the series-connected" is now —the --.

In claim 41, last line,  
"; or a hearing aid" has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arnold Kinkead whose telephone number is 571-272-1763. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs:8:00am-6:30pm.

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